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assigned U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 08/897,778, filed July 21, 1997, now U.S. Patent 6,106,798, incorporated herein by reference.

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Please replace the paragraph at page 14, lines 29 to page 15, line 4 with the following:

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An alternative design of a laser pyrolysis apparatus has been described. See, commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application No. 08/808,850 now U.S. Patent 5,958,348, entitled "Efficient Production of Particles by Chemical Reaction," incorporated herein by reference. This alternative design is intended to facilitate production of commercial quantities of particles by laser pyrolysis. A variety of configurations are described for injecting the reactant materials into the reaction chamber.

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Please replace the paragraph at page 16, line 32 to page 17, line 2 with the following:

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As noted above, properties of the product particles can be modified by further processing. For example, oxide nanoscale particles can be heated in an oven in an oxidizing environment or an inert environment to alter the oxygen content and/or crystal structure of the metal oxide. The processing of metal oxide nanoscale particles in an oven is further discussed in commonly assigned, U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 08/897,903 now U.S. Patent 5,989,514, filed July 21, 1997, entitled "Processing of Vanadium Oxide Particles With Heat," incorporated herein by reference.

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